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The Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass-roots level in the developing world and more than 190,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 139 countries since 1961.

Over the past 47 years, 25,832 men and women from the state of California have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps and the Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS, and the environment, and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world.

Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries and Peace Corps Volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation.

It is indeed fitting to recognize the achievements of the Peace Corps and honor its Volunteers, past and present, and reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world.

THEREFORE, I MOVE that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles does hereby proclaim February 25 through March 3, 2008, Peace Corps Week, in Los Angeles County.

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